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People & Places

Robert Johnson returned after six weeks in the Dominican Republic compiling material for an economic report on the country to be issued by Dun & Bradstreet. He also has an article on red infiltration into Central America in the September "American Mercury.".. Horace Sutton flying to Europe to do a pre-Olympic piece on Cortina, site of winter Olympics, for Sports the 1956 Illustrated; then to Lausanne to cover the World Travel Congress for the Saturday Review of Literature. He will tape broadcasts for NBC's Monitor from both places... Dick Joseph of Esquire also covering the Lausanne Congress. Stanley Frankel, ass't to Esquire-Coronet's president, just named exec. director of Esquire Club, the new international courtesy and credit plan sponsored by the mag... J. Raymond Bell, Columbia Pictures Corp. PR exec., elected V.P. of Essex County (N.J.) chapter of the American Cancer Society, first V.P. of the N.Y. Chapter of the Pub. Rel. Soc. of Amer. and member of Board of Governors of the Montclair Community Hospital ... The current Satevepost carries three pages of color photographs by Ivan Dmitri on Sao Paolo, Brazil... WRCA and WRCA-TV News & Special Events Director Bill Berns conducting Columbia University course in local televisio n program-(Continued on page 4)

Club Calendar

Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 11-12 Assembly on News, Knowledge and Freedom in the Americas. Sessions: 9:30 a.m., luncheon at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, October 11 - Open House and cocktail party for Ken Zumwalt, recently resigned as managing editor of Stars and Stripes, European edition, after 11 years of service. 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1 - Austrian Dinner.

Special mailing will re-affirm reservations for Carmine De Sapio Luncheon tentatively scheduled for Oct 14.

ROBBINS PLANS TO MAKE ANNUAL OPC DINNER A WORLD-WIDE

Charles Robbins, chairman of the Liaison with Overseas Members committee, has announced that a meeting of his committee, held during the past week, drew up and recommended to the Board

Julie Whitney



Julie Whitney, Russian-born wife of former AP correspondent in Moscow Tom Whitney, will begin a series of informal Tuesday evenings at the piano in the bar on Tuesday, Oct. 11. The time: 9 to 11 p.m. She will play the piano and sing her own songs in English and Russian, plus popular American tunes. Julie, who is a veteran of the Russian music hall stage, was one of six wives of Americans released by the Russians after the intercession of Ambassador Bohlen. Since her arrival in the U.S., she has been a magazine writer (The New York Times Sunday Magazine, Look), a composer ("Bonjour, Tristesse"), and a housewife while Tom writes his book.

of Governors a plan to make the club's annual dinner a world-wide event with similar, dinners to be held in principal capitals of the world where large groups of correspondents are stationed.

The committee heard from Art Reef. just returned from an extensive trip through Europe where he talked with members in London, Madrid, Paris and Rome. Reef reported considerable unhappiness among overseas OP Cers who feel left out of OPC activities.

Their complaints, Reef reported were 1) The Bulletin did not have enough news of members abroad; 2) the ballots for annual awards arrived too late to be returned and counted; 3) the club seemed principally concerned with NYC members.

A member of the Bulletin committee present pointed out that practically no news was sent in by overseas members and that nearly every item received was printed. Letters to various Bulletin correspondents, asking for more news, he said, brought only half-hearted response.

E.R. Friedman suggested that more attention be paid to employees magazines of the services and newspapers and magazines with overseas representatives.

Mr. Robbins reported the following action was taken:

1) The motion was made that the annual dinner be celebrated abroad as well as in New York. Liasion representatives on foreign duty will be appointed to carry out this suggestion. A list of these is being drawn up and will be submitted to the Board of Governors for approval.

2) It was decided by the committee that one member of the Liaison committee be empowered to greet returning members and see that they are properly introduced at the club and presented at luncheon meetings if possible. Returning members will be asked to notify Mr. Robbins of their arrival.

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THE BULLETIN

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NOTICE

Semi-Annual Meeting of Members will be held Monday, October 31, at 8 p.m. sharp. Dinner reservations may be made in advance.

ORIGINS OF THE CORRESPONDENTS FUND

by Ruth Lloyd,

(Secretary of the Liaison Committee for the Club and the Correspondents' Fund)

Time was when a correspondent went broke, one or several of his cronies ponied up to help him over. This used to be the practice in the early days of the OPC. Then, often as not, it was members of the Board who'd hear of someone sick, stranded--even dying-and they'd pass the hat around the table.

By 1943, when the membership of the club had grown to 200 current and former overseas news reporters, the idea of establishing a way to aid emergency cases took hold. Lucian Kirtland, long-time treasurer of the Fund, remembers it this way:

"Sometimes at board meetings somebody would mention the disturbing plight of a member, somebody else would toss \$10 on the table and pretty soon there'd be a sizeable kitty. But it wasn't the most satisfactory way to aid emergency cases.

"A solution offered itself when the producers of Noel Coward's movie, "In Which We Serve' gave the OPC a chance at a benefit premiere. Lowell Thomas, then OPC president, and Burnet Hershey, then secretary, leaped at the opportunity. It was decided to seperate the receipts from the OPC's own finances. Treasurer Jules Frantz opened a new account at the bank, officially Account Number Two but unofficially and spontaneously referred to as the Correspondents Fund.

"All of us hectically worked on

the benefit, most with more enthusiasm than experience. But we netted a neat \$9000, plus voluntary and then solicited contributions from members.

"Lowell Thomas advocated immediate formalizing of the Correspondents Fund, and suggested Attorney John T. McGovern as one experienced with charitable funds to help negotiate the Certificate of Incorporation with the Atty. Gen.

There was no notion, in those days, that the Correspondents Fund would grow to be one of the major operations of the Overseas Press Club. The Fund held its first formal meeting April 28, 1943. H.V. Kaltenborn was elected president, Burnet Hershey, secretary and Lucian S. Kirtland, treasurer.

The constitution stated that the Fund existed to "promote the general public welfare (of foreign correspondents) through charitable activities to be conducted and administered for the temporary emergency relief and aid of deserving men and women who have served American press, radio, newsreels and allied services of American public information in foreign lands or outside the continental boundaries of the U.S."

The Fund has never revealed the identity of any recipients of its charity. Just how it operates will be detailed in next week's "Bulletin", in the second of three articles on the origins of the Correspondent's Fund.

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By Art Settel

News of President Eisenhower's condition is being brought to an anxious world by radio and television in hourly newscasts.

OPC'er Elmer Lower, Director of CBS Special Events, organized and directed the coverage of developments in Denver for the network. With Elmer back at his desk in New York, the story is being handled by newsmen Charles von Fremd, Louis Shollenberger, George Herman and Sam Zelman. CBS has two film crews on 24-hour availability, supplemented by Mobile television unit, the staff of KLZ Denver on a standby basis, and a host of technicians.

NBC likewise is covering Denver in strength, with Ray Scherer, Bill Henry and Herb Kaplow on duty at the Lowry Air Force Base.

NBC's intrepid *Irving R. Levine* (OPC'er) reports from his Moscow beat that the big news in the Soviet Union is the markdown in the price of TV sets. "Twelve-inch sets have been marked down from 3,000 rubles, or about \$750.00 at the official rate, to 2,300 rubles, or \$575.00", Levine reports, adding that TV is still a novelty, and crowds gather in front of department store windows to gape at shows.

OPC PREMIERE OF "DEEP BLUE SEA"

The Overseas Press Club will sponsor the American premiere of Sir Alexander Korda's first Cinema Scope production, "The Deep Blue Sea," on Oct. 11 at 8:30 p.m. at the Plaza Theatre in New York.

Three hundred tickets have been made available to Club members through the Twentieth Century-Fox company and are available on a first-come-first-served basis. Application may be made by calling the Club or Will Yolen, LA 4-1420. If members wish to write for tickets, it is urged that they enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with their request.

The theatre is at 42 East 58th St.
"The Deep Blue Sea," based on the
Terence Rattigan play, was directed by
Anatole Litvak and stars Vivien Leigh
and Kenneth More.

Assembly

NEWS, KNOWLEDGE AND FREEDOM IN THE AMERICAS

October 11 - 12, 1955

MEMORIAL PRESS CENTER, OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB OF AMERICA
35 East 39th Street, New York City

Tuesday, October 11

8:30 Registration of Participants, Lobby of Overseas Press Club

9:30 a.m.

OPENING SESSION I - Morning, 9:30 a.m.

General Chairman: Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz, publisher, LA PRENSA, Buenos Aires; chairman, Inter-American Affairs Committee, Overseas Press Club; honorary chairman The Americas Foundation

Session Moderator: Louis P. Lochner, president, Overseas Press Club of America.

Rapporteur: Dr. Curtis Wilgus, Director, Graduate School of Inter-American Studies, University of Florida.

Opening of Seminar and Statement of Theme by Dr. Gainza Paz Official Welcome: Mr. Lochner

"THE PEOPLE OF THE AMERICAS"

Dr. Eduardo Santos, publisher of EL TIEMPO, Bogota; former president of Colombia

"THE NEW WORLD AND GLOBAL PEACE"

A.A. Berle, Jr., Associate Professor of Law, Columbia University, former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State.

11:00 Coffee Break

11:15 OPEN DISCUSSION

12:15 Recess for cocktails: third floor lounges, OPC

12:45 Lunch: OPC Dining Room

AFTERNOON SESSION II - 2:30 p.m.

Session Moderator: Andrew Heiskell, publisher, LIFE Magazine

Rapporteur: Dr. Wilgus

Opening of afternoon session

Summary of morning Session I by the rapporteur. "EXCHANGE OF NEWS AND KNOWLEDGE"

Joseph L. Jones, vice-president, United Press Associations

"CENSORSHIP: DIRECT AND INDIRECT"

Maria Constanza Huergo, managing editor, Spanish edition, Catholic Digest: former assistant to Sunday editor LA PRENSA,... Buenos Aires.

"THE RIGHT TO KNOW"

Dr. Fred Aden, president emeritus, Ward College, Argentina

3:50 Ten-minute break

4:00 OPEN DISCUSSION

5:00 Close of afternoon session

Wednesday, October 12 - Columbus Day, Dia de la Raza

MORNING SESSION III - 9:30 a.m.

Session Moderator: James G. Stahlman, president and publisher, NASHVILLE BANNER.

Rapporteur: Eugene Lyons, senior editor, READER'S DIGEST

Opening of morning session by Mr. Stahlman

Summary of preceding Session II by its rapporteur (Continued on page 4)

People and Places (Cont'd from pg.1) ming for winter and spring sessions

John Chapman giving a course of contemporary American lectures on theater at Graduate School, New York Stanley Frank has a University... comprehensive, ten-year survey on the veterans' problem coming up in the Satevepost. The first of two articles will appear in the October 29th issue. ... Harry Bruno officiated at the Lotos Club dinner Oct. 5 which honored James A. Farley...Serge Fliegers lectured at the Poughkeepsie Rotary Club on The Present Crisis in the Middle East. . . Bennett Cerf's "Landmark Books" series has been sold for TV to the firm of Goodman & Todson. OPCers who have written for this series are Bob Considine, MacKinlay Kantor, Adele Nathan, Quentin Reynolds and Vincent Sheehan ..

OPC Dinner (Cont'd from page 1)

3) It was suggested that perhaps once a year Liaison representatives of the club in the various capitals arrange a cocktail party on behalf of the club for resident members in his city and other members of the press.

Mr. Robbins said that all three proposals were subsequently referred to the Board of Governors who accepted them in principal, but put them over to a later meeting until financial details could be worked out.

Members of the Liaison committee present were: E.R. Friedman, Don Coe, Willicombe, Larry Newman, Art Reef, George Catamari and John Wilhelm, chairman Robbins presided.

NEWS, KNOWLEDGE AND FREEDOM IN THE AMERICAS (Cont'd from page 3)

"THE ROLE OF VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS"
Herbert Matthews, Editorial Board, NEW YORK TIMES
"EDUCATION AND THE STATE"

Dr. German Arciniegas; Professor of Latin American Literature, Columbia University, NYC, former Minister of Education, Bogota, Colombia

"FREE ENTERPRISE AND A STABLE HEMISPHERE"

Spruille Braden, president, Pan American Society; former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State

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AFTERNOON SESSION IV - 2:30 p.m.

Session Moderator: Carlos Mantilla, editor HABLEMOS, New York former editor EL COMERCIO, Quito, Ecuador

Rapporteur: Mr. Lyons

Opening of Session IV by Mr. Mantilla

Summary of preceding Session III by rapporteur

EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS

"INTER-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION"

Dr. Robert G. Storey, president, Inter-American Bar Association; dean of law school, Southern Methodist University

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"INTER-AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION"

Dean E. Hugh Luckey, dean, Cornell University Medical College

"INTER-AMERICAN REGIONAL ORGANIZATION OF ICFTU"

Serafino Romualdi, secretary general, Inter-American Regional Organization, International Conference of Free Trade Unions

"INTER-AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION"

Tom Wallace, honorary president, Inter-American Press Association, editor emeritus LOUISVILLE TIMES

"FIELDS FOR DEVELOPMENT BY VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS"

Galo Plaza Lasso, ex-President of Ecuador

3:50 Ten-minute break

4:00

OPEN DISCUSSION

5:00 Official closing of the Assembly by Dr. Gainza Paz



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